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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
|                              | 09/884,490      | BROWN ET AL. |
|                              | Examiner        | Art Unit     |
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8,10,12-21,23-25 and 27-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,8,12-14,21,24 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2-7,10,15-20,23 and 27-34 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/3/5.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**CLAIMS 1-8,10,12-21,23-25 ADN 27-34 ARE PENDING**

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. **Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8, 10, 12-21, 23-25 and 27-34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.**

In particular, it is persuasive that Fischer does not explicitly teach that the data processing system itself makes the determination that selected information is no longer required, as the claims are now amended.

3. **Claims 1, 8, 12, 13, 14, 21, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fischer (US 2002/0010638) in light of Wallace et al (Wallace), US 6,968,317, 22 November 2005.**

**Official Notice** is taken that it was well known in the art at the time of the invention that a data processing system can make a determination that selected information is no longer required, rather than requiring a user to actively make that determination. Evidence of this is provided by Wallace [COL 1 lines 48-60], where the system removes restrictions that correspond to selected information no longer required for a transaction.

**It would have been obvious** to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to have the system make the determination to remove the selected information because it expedites the process of on-line transactions [Wallace Col 1 lines 61 and after].

As to **claim 1**, Fischer teaches a method in a data processing system (see FIG 1) for managing information (i.e., e-commerce sales) comprising:

receiving information from a plurality of users; (see FIG 1. The users are buyers who input information in the form of orders for goods. Multiple users reside in the system.)

storing information to form stored information (the order from the user is stored information stored at the user's computer and is sent by e-mail to the vendor. See steps 52 and 54 in FIG 4)

receiving a request to remove selected information from the stored information from a user within the set of users (step 64 in FIG 4, "review order"), wherein the selected information is received in response to a transaction involving the user (the selected information derives from a user order, which is readable as a transaction by the user)

responsive to receiving the request, determining by the data processing system if the selected information is no longer required for the transaction (step 66 in FIG 4, decision is made to augment or change order, which includes deleting items, see page 3, column 1, line 8) While Fischer does not have the system remove the information, Wallace does [COL 1 lines 48-60].

responsive to the selected information no longer being required for the transaction, removing by the data processing system the selected non-required information about the stored information (step 68 in FIG 4, modify the order)

The elements of claims **8, 12, 13, 14, 21, 24 and 25** are rejected in the analysis above and these claims are rejected on that basis.

4. **Claims 2-7, 10, 15-20, 23, and 27-34** are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Amsbury whose telephone number is 571-272-4015. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6-18:30 FIRST WEEK.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571-272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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